

St. Catherine of Siena
CCD PTO - October 11, 2009

1. Attendance: Paula Arthur, Kay Bunning, John Crawford, Kathy Donelan, David Kohrs, Yolanda Mills, Jack Mohr, Margaret Mohr, Heather Shultz, Ellen Wira
2. Review of Committee Needs
 - St. Bernard Pantry
 - Jamie provided items to be donated:
 - October - Stove Top Stuffing, Sweet Potatoes, and Instant Mashed Potatoes
 - November - Tuna and Noodles
 - December - Cookies and Jello
 - Details:
 - The pantry is open Mondays and Wednesday from 2-4:30 and Anita is there every Monday
 - 7th and 8th grade CCD students will take items collected at CCD and in the parish on the third Monday of every month
 - 4-5 students can deliver food items per trip
 - CCD students will meet at 3:15 at St. Catherine's Parish Center and return around 4:45
 - Anita will be at the pantry when CCD students arrive and help students know where and how to place items, boxes to break down any other help needs while on site
 - Sr. Maddalena will be there from time to time to meet students and share in the experience
 - NEXT STEPS (do we have an owner to facilitate these next steps?):
 1. Need a collection cut off day (third Sunday) for each month
 2. The collection cut-off date needs to be in PTO newsletter, reminded by teachers and posted on the doors
 3. Need to organize car loads to drive children and food; what about parents of 7/8 graders signing up each month for a shift?
 4. Need sign ups in 7/8 grade students who want to come along
 5. Do we need permission slips to take kids?
 6. Do drivers need to be virtue certified? (Kathleen is virtue certified and can escort groups to pantry but can't drive back)
 7. Should other grades work more with project (pray over food, include pictures, etc)
 8. Jamie suggested to 5th grade CCD kids to save coins around house each month, collect them and try to come up with \$2-3 to give parents to buy food; good tip to put in newsletter
 - Love Boat Fund Raiser
 - Outstanding requests for volunteers contact (shannon.desmondwalz@desmondinsurance.com or helen.brune@insightbb.com) if interested
 - Need help with sign-up parties (working with committee to design and find a way to deliver parties)
 - Need help building a stage for the band or renting equipment to do so
 - Community Service/Outreach
 - Yard clean up for elderly parishioners
 - Theresa confirmed this service had been done in the past but nothing is organized this year
 - Theresa believes there are elderly parishioners who would benefit from this type of volunteer work if it were organized
 - Does anyone want to organize an outdoor clean up in the fall and perhaps an indoor cleanup in the spring?
 - Other Needs:
 - Does anyone want to help on the outreach sub committee? (-: We'll need to start connecting with service organizations and match ideas to projects which will take some time
 - Need the 2009-2010 curriculum if the new series differs in from the previous years
 - Need room parents names and contact info
 - Generate additional ideas for service outreach and month before next meeting; should we ask CCD parents at large for ideas putting up the suggestion box as recommended at the last meeting?
 - Vote on outreach ideas at the next meeting in October
 - Committee will work with school office to get permission slips they use, modify and bring to next meeting for review
 - Other Opportunities
 - Oct 18th-Parish Fest; need help setting up (early afternoon) and cleaning up (around 8pm)
 - November 14 Women's dinner; need help setting up (early afternoon before 4:30 mass) and cleaning up
 - CCD events could use help from the students during set-up and clean-up
3. New Business
 - CCD Teachers will be able to log-in to smart boards in the classrooms
 - Idea for PTO calendar (e.g. service opportunities, etc. built into this and kept on the web page)
4. Next Meetings
 - October 25, 2009
 - Future meetings will be held the 2nd Sunday of every month during CCD